

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please rewrite the abstract paragraph beginning at page 29, line 2 as follows:

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An absorbent garment includes a body panel and an absorbent composite having a longitudinally extending length and a laterally extending width and a backsheet, a topsheet and a retention portion disposed between the backsheet and the topsheet. The absorbent composite is connected to the body panel and includes a side margin that is not attached to the body panel and that extends laterally outboard and terminates in a free edge. Preferably, the absorbent composite includes laterally opposing side margins. A method for using the absorbent garment also is provided.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 5 as follows:

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FIGURE 1 is a plan view of a first embodiment of an absorbent garment taken from the bodyside thereof with a portion of the garment partially cut away.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 13 as follows:

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FIGURE 5 is a plan view of a second embodiment of an absorbent garment taken from the bodyside thereof with a portion of the garment partially cut away.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 21 as follows:

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FIGURE 9 is a plan view of a third embodiment of an absorbent garment taken from the bodyside thereof with a portion of the garment partially cut away.